

REMARKS

In the office action mailed July 21, 2005, Examiner objected to the specification as not including a brief description of figures 7a-7g. The specification has now been amended to insert such a description.


Examiner also rejected claim 1 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph as being unclear whether the preamble to the claim was intended to recite claimed subject matter. Claim 1 and new independent claim 12 are now written in a Jepson format to only claim the shelf overlay improvement to the shelving system.

Examiner rejected claims 1-3, 7, 8 & 10 under 35 USC 102 (b), indicating claims 4 - 6, 9 and 11 to be allowable if rewritten in independent form so as to include all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Of the claims indicated to be allowable, claim 11 was dependent from claim 1, and claim 1 is now amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 11 so as to render claim 1 allowable as amended. Claims 2 - 7 are allowable as depending directly or indirectly from amended claim 1. Claims 8 - 11 are cancelled. New claim 12 incorporates the limitations of claim 1 as filed, rewritten into a Jepson format, and the limitations of claims 3 and 4 as filed. Consequently, because claim 4 depended from claim 3 and claim 3 depended from claim 1, and claim 4 was indicated as being allowable, it is submitted that new claim 12 is also allowable. New claims 13 - 15 depend directly or indirectly from claim 12 and correspond to claims 5, 6, and 9 as filed. Consequently, it is respectfully submitted that new claims 13 - 15 are also allowable.

Examiner is respectfully requested to now pass this application to allowance.

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